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On May 3, this bowling fundraiser will take place to help out Dawson Hamilton, an eight-year old local boy who has been through a tremendous ordeal in his battle against leukemia. Over the course of his battle with cancer, Dawson has undergone two bone marrow transplants and two rounds of chemotherapy.



He has been a survivor, battling leukemia twice.

If you really want to help out Dawson and his family, then all you need to do is show up to the bowl and silent auction event. Just organize a team with a maximum of six participants. At least one member of your team must be 18 years of age or older. Come up with a unique

name for your group and then get ready to hit the lanes!

Some of the items that have already been donated for the silent auction include: Raptor tickets, tickets to the musical productions "Dirty Dancing" and "Evil Dead" and tickets for a Rush concert. A Wii gaming console will also be auctioned off.

The cost of the event is \$10 per person. So don't miss out because this is going to be a blast! For more information on entering your team or to find out how you can donate an item for the auction, contact Jenn Whiteway at 457-9265 or email her at jennifer_whiteway@sympatico.ca.

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Ridgewood Ford

Spotlight

On Business

by George Farrell

Celebrating 15 years In Business

It's hard to believe that it's been 15 years since Ridgewood Ford opened the doors at their Minden location on Highway 35. It seems remarkable too that our area can support the myriad of trucks and autos on display. Who's buying all those sparkling new vehicles? Surely a population as sparse as ours cannot support the inventory to be seen in the large lot, strung along the highway.

Ridgewood Ford co-owner Larry Moynes supplies the answers. In his office he pulls out a phone book. It's the book that includes Lindsay and surrounding area, including the Haliburton Highlands. Larry goes to the Lindsay section. "The Lindsay section of the phone book contains 50 pages," he states. Then he goes to the section of the phone book which covers the Highlands. In somewhat of a surprise he announces "There's 61 pages for Haliburton Highlands." So, strictly in terms of population, it seems that our area can indeed support the Ridgewood stock of inventory. Larry has done his homework, and he knows what he's talking about as far as his target market is concerned. His 'pedigree' also dictates that he would have a fair idea regarding auto sales.

Larry and wife Julie, who is a co-owning business partner, both hail from the Lindsay area. The two have been married for 29 years, and they have 3 children Christopher 27, Jennifer 24, and Jeremy, who's 22. The family lives on Lake Kashagawigamog. All the 'kids' grew up in the Highlands and went through the school system.

Larry's background in the auto business started in 1976 when he became a salesman in his Dads family business, Moynes Ford Sales in Lindsay, which opened shop in 1971. Larry worked his way up to dealer, until in 2000 he became the owner of Moynes Ford Sales himself. So now Larry has two business to run.

"In 1993 Julie and I opened up Ridgewood Ford in its present location, when a Ford Franchise became available. It gave us the opportunity to expand." Larry explains. "Since 2000 I've been the

dealer principal at both Moynes and Ridgewood, and Julie is also a dealer principle in Minden. We work back and forth together (with Moynes), and I've always been associated with the Lindsay dealership." Having another outlet means that Larry and Julie can take advantage of the additional parts, and new and used vehicle inventory on both lots.

Auto sales in Canada roared to a record February. Analysts attributed the industry's sizzling performance to more price reductions and record incentives in a fiercely competitive marketplace. Compact 4 cylinder car sales, and small SUV's, constitute a

good portion of new vehicle sales, due in part to the ever increasing public awareness of the environment, and the cost of fuel.

Larry concurs with the reason for the spike in new car sales with smaller engines. "Fuel economy in the future is going to be a big consideration, and in the future the vehicles are going to be increasingly fuel efficient." Of truck sales he says, "but if you need a truck there's nothing else to substitute. We sell more trucks, despite the fuel economy, but our trucks are more efficient than they used to be."

Ridgewood Ford has been growing at a steady pace since its opening in '93, and the biggest seller is the Ford F-150 pick up truck. "It's Canada's number one selling pick-up, and many people in our area want a 4 wheel drive pick-up. The Ford Escape, our small SUV is another good selling vehicle, and it comes with either a 4 or 6 cylinder engine."

The comparison of the Lindsay and Haliburton Highlands pages in the phone book, and the popularity of their product line do not tell the whole story of Ridgewood's success. Good business practice has a lot to do with it. The Ford Motor Company's highest dealer award is called the Presidents Award and Ridgewood



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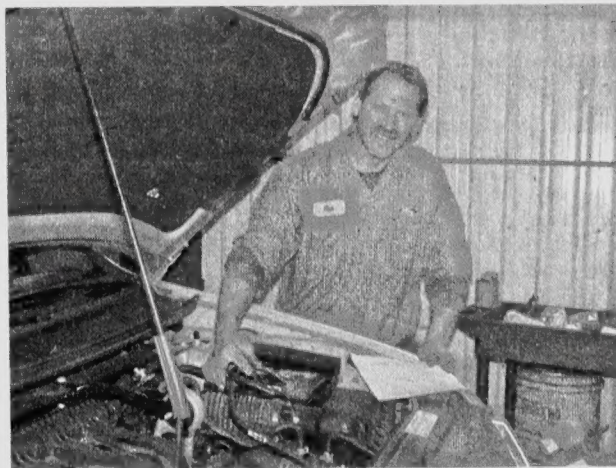
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wood Ford has won the award every year since it's been in business. The award is based on market share and customer satisfaction. The location too, right on the highway, highly visible to potential customers streaming by, either on the way to the cottage or home, insures a healthy walk-in trade. "Because of our location we sell all over the place," states Larry Moynes. "We have a better selection of pick-ups than most dealers, and pick-ups represent the bulk of our market in this area." It also helps to be the only major Ford dealership within a 60 km radius. Those incentives in that competitive marketplace also have something to do with the Ridgewood success. "Our prices are extremely competitive, and in some cases generally lower than in most centres," says Larry. Many of our vehicles have 0% financing. There's no administration fee, and we have a lower overhead, which allows us to keep our prices down. Larry hits it on the head however when he reveals another reason for Ridgewood's success.

"We have a different atmosphere here. It's old fashioned customer service, so some people come from as far away as Toronto for instance, because they would rather buy from us than from a dealer in a major centre."

In addition to the new vehicles, Ridgewood Ford also deals in previously loved, mostly late model Ford trucks and cars. There's also a full service department on site, which deals with all makes and models.

Ridgewood Ford is located on Highway 35, just past the lights as you're heading north. You can reach Larry and Julie at (705) 286-2890, and l-moynes@ridgewoodfordsales.dealermail.com



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by Linda Thistle

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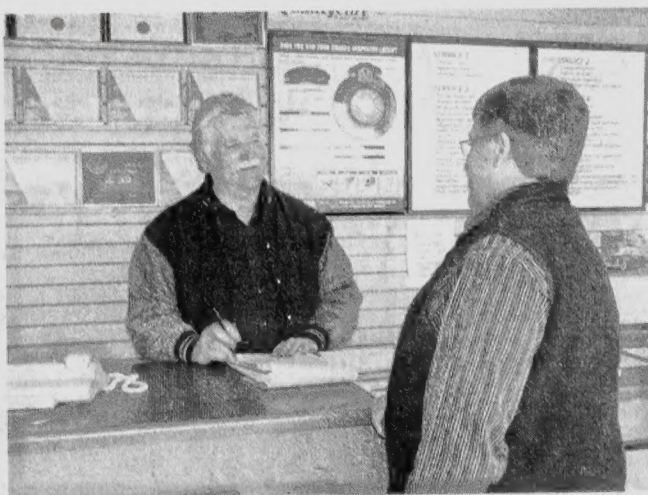
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R.D. Lawrence Place Grand Opening Tuesday April 22nd

Earth Day Chosen to Honour Famous Writer

Next Tuesday, April 22nd, Earth Day, will mark the formal opening of R.D. Lawrence Place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The opening has been a labour of love for Sharon Lawrence, R.D.'s widow, for the past two years. Lawrence died in Haliburton in November of 2003 of Alzheimer's Disease, ending a prolific and successful writing life.

In 2006 Sharon Lawrence donated his literary estate and memorabilia to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre with the hope that the public would continue to learn from his experiences. R.D. Lawrence published dozens of books on wildlife and our natural habitat, in 15 different languages in over 25 countries. His remarkable tales of discovery won international accolades from members of the scientific community across the globe, as well as entrancing the ordinary reader. Mr. Lawrence's goal was always to educate as well as to entertain: a passionate environmentalist, he was renowned as well for his wildlife and wolf rescue programs. His legacy of environmental education continues with the opening of R.D. Lawrence Place.

The building itself, a sustainable building created through the Fleming College's Sustainable Building Program, will be a permanent host for the ambitious program of reading, writing, and environmental education in Lawrence's name. Minden Hills

Cultural Centre Director Dianne Graham, along with Sharon Lawrence and a group of volunteers known as the Friends of R.D. Lawrence Place, worked tirelessly to bring the project to its completion. Funding was provided by the Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Renewal, the Township of Minden Hills, the Haliburton County Development Corporation, and of course tremendous support from the Haliburton community. Chris Magwood, Fleming Professor,

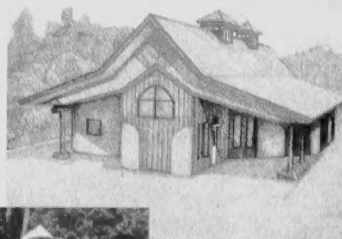
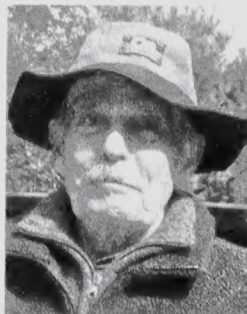
commented that the building, "is a perfect fit. R.D. Lawrence Place will pay tribute to this man's remarkable legacy in a building that works with nature and natural materials to set new standards for modern green building."

Dianne Graham says the mandate of R.D. Lawrence Place is to foster a love of reading, promote the art of writing and deepen respect for our natural heritage. "It is

going to be a wonderful gathering place for all ages and will increase awareness of Haliburton County on the international stage."

The opening ceremony will take place at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden at 2 pm. From 1 pm until 5 pm there will be tours, audio-visual presentations, demonstrations and entertainment including a live auction of the first sheet of R.D. Lawrence limited edition postage stamps. These useable stamps are created through a Canada Post program, but are only available for sale at the Cultural Centre.

Special guests at the opening ceremony will include Sharon Lawrence and Chris Magwood.



Storyteller, Singer, Songwriter; Heather Whaley to Perform at R.D. Lawrence Place

Get a taste of "bluesy cool" music at R.D. Lawrence Place and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Popular songwriter, storyteller and poet, Heather Whaley, will be unleashing her renowned and versatile music for listeners in concert. Set to take place on Saturday, April 26 at 7 p.m., this is another event hosted by the Haliburton Writers' and Editors' Network.

Whaley, with guitar in hand, will bring to life traditional and personal stories, songs and poems through her music.

As a way of paying tribute to National Poetry Month, the works of Haliburton poets will be displayed on a poet-tree in the new facility, alongside memorabilia from the life of journalist, author and naturalist, R.D. Lawrence.

A wine and cheese reception will follow the musical performance. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the music starting at 8 p.m.

Contact Sharon Lawrence at 705-286-6276 for more information or to purchase tickets for this event. Tickets are also on sale at The Storeroom in Minden or Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton for \$25 or \$20 for members of the HHWEN and the Cultural Centre.

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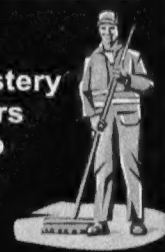
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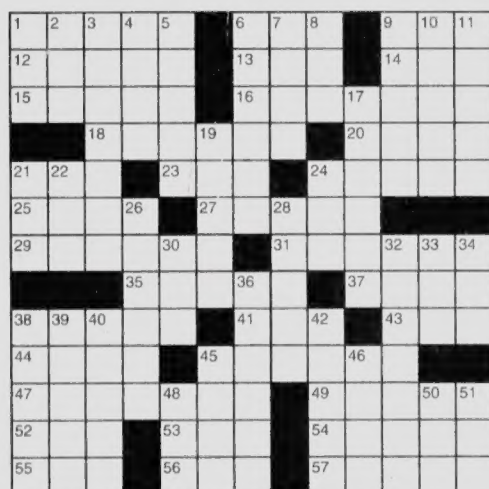
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Lake Planning Program Stakeholders Meeting

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, Inc. (FOCA) and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC) will be hosting a Stakeholders Meeting to promote the Lake Planning Program, a collaborative project to develop resources and tools to assist waterfront property owners and associations to make informed decisions about lake management and stewardship initiatives for Ontario's lakes.

The stakeholders meeting will feature presentations about community involvement and land use planning, and the development of lake management tools and resources. The meeting will be held at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery on Saturday April 19, from 10am - 1pm. It is an public event, but please RSVP with Samantha Brown, Lake Planning Coordinator as space is limited.

The Lake Planning Program is supported by a generous grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. OTF is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For over 25 years, the Foundation has supported the growth and vitality of communities across the province. OTF continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information please visit www.trilliumfoundation.org



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Originally from York Region, around the Sutton area, Julie and husband Mike moved up permanently to the Highlands in '97, with daughters Emma now 16, and Courtney 14. They also have two sons, Sam 10 and Nicolas 8. Mike, who's in the construction business, is originally from this area. Julie spent many years looking after the children, but for the last 6 years she's been driving a school bus for Laidlaw. She has also driven for camps, and she'd often take her campers on extended canoe trips. Some of the trips lasted for several days and she's driven to such far off destinations as Labrador

City, Manitoba, Quebec, and Red Deer Ontario.

"I love to drive," says Julie, "and I wondered what else I could do with my skills. This is something I've been working on and researching for 2 years, and I took a Driving Instructors Training Licence course at Centennial College in Scarborough. It's a four-week course, and I graduated in 2007." With her graduation Julie became a Ministry of Transportation (MTO) certified driving instructor.

After her research Julie discovered the area

could use another driving school "There's only one other person up here who's giving driving instruction, she reveals, so there's a need here."

Julie opened the doors for business in March of this year. "Things are going well," she says. "I'm still working out the kinks, and I anticipate more business when school gets out. The first classes ran on the weekend of April 12 and 13, and will again on the 19th and 20th."

Spring, Summer and Fall Classes

The *Safe Start Driving School* will run its first spring classes from May 31st to June 1st, and from June 7th to June 8th. In the summer and fall, the 4 day classes will be run on consecutive days from July 7th to the 10th, and from August 4th to the 7th.

The in-classroom portion of the course will constitute a total of 25 hours. Then there will be 10 hours behind the wheel of a new car. Student drivers will be accompanied by Julie, who will be occupying the passenger seat. She's equipped with her own brake pedal, in case of emergencies.

Students are required by the MTO to pass the classroom section of the course with a minimum 70% average. The driving portion of the course is closely monitored by Julie herself.



Highlands Festival Singers

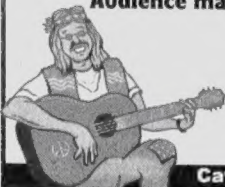
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turning corners. "And they learn about speeding, and why it's never a good idea to speed." Students will also learn how, and when to brake properly. Parallel parking which always seems to be a new driver 'bugaboo' is not a great concern for Julie. "Kids seem to fear the parallel parking, but it's all about technique and knowing the position of the vehicle. There's a trick to parallel parking, but I'm not telling you what it is," she laughs.

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Pictured: Julie Klochhoff, outside her office in the Chamber of Commerce Building

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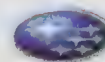
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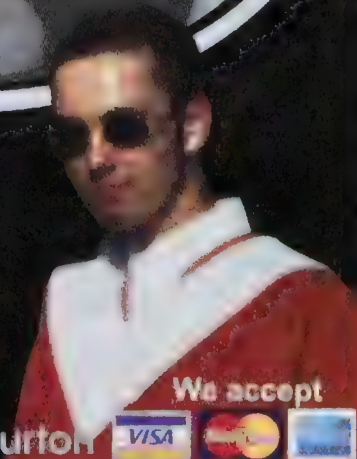
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Rate of Return

with Susan Lee

PART 1...Rate of Return on Investments

A few articles ago, I briefly touched base on the fact that there are more tax efficient investment products and ones that offer some principle guarantees while still allowing the investor potential growth opportunity of being in the stock markets. I will touch base on both of these concepts in this article and the next one.

It is very hard these days not to be aware of the recent corrections (a nice word for stock markets losing ground). Many who were in the stock markets have seen most of their last year gain disappear within a few days. This is typical and while corrections do happen over time (this is very important) the markets always go up. Like a set of stairs you can take 3 steps up and a correction happens and you take a step down and then 4 up and 2 down until eventually you are at the top of the stairs. The longer you are in the market the less the corrections affect you because when a correction happens it only reduces your gain not your principle investment. However, some one who invests and is on the first step and a correction of two steps happens, this person would be on the first step down into their basement. Sometimes a very scary place to be. Why would someone invest in a product like that? The reason is the opportunity for a higher long term return. If a person has \$100,000.00 and invests in guaranteed investment certificates (GIC), the principle and interest is guaranteed. Unfortunately, this type of investment provides one of the lowest average rates of return barely covering the rate of inflation. What this means is that the investment principle increases by the interest rate over time but in 25 years (even if the investment was worth \$300,000.00) it could only purchase what a \$100,000.00 could purchase today. The even bigger interest rate risk of a GIC is if the rate of interest does not even cover the inflation rate which is often the case when the real after tax rate of return is considered. For example, if you received 3% interest and are in a 25% tax bracket the real rate of return is only (100-25) 75% which in this case is 2.25%. If the real or after tax rate of return is less than inflation, over time a persons purchasing power is reduced meaning that in 25 years that same investment could only purchase what \$75,000.00 could purchase today. Even something like a GIC that sounds safe as you can see has a risk associated with it. This type of product is a form of savings it is not an investment.

The goal of an investment is that it will over time out perform inflation and grow. Time and rate of return have a huge impact on the value of your money in the future. For example, every 3% more you get in average rate of return over 25 years you will have twice as much money. For example \$100,000.00 invested at 2.25 real rate of return over 25 years would be worth \$174,000.00. If you had gotten 3% more or 5.25 your investment would be worth \$359,000.00. If you had gotten 3% more or 8.25 your investment would be \$725,000.00.

This sounds great and with the right investment asset allocation over 25 years historically with all the ups and downs of the market mutual fund and segregated funds (insurance company's pooled investment vehicles) have provided these returns. Not evenly over the years but with the ups and downs of the stair case described above. While at times GIC have also provided higher returns in the past, inflation was also high eroding any benefit of the higher interest rate.

Looking at GIC and Government of Canada bond rates over the past several years, you see the rates are not often getting over 4% for a 5 year commitment and it is predicted that this will be the trend of the future.

So maybe your logic tells you that GICs are not the best long term option for you, but you fear the corrections of the markets more or you have a shorter time frame until you will need the funds or maybe this is your retirement savings and your 55 not 35 with lots of time to ride out the markets, my next article on segregated and corporate mutual funds might help you understand the market and help you make an informed decision and not avoid the market.

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Any questions please feel free to call me at 705-457-3207, it will be my pleasure to help you achieve your financial goals.

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New Owners and New Plans

Carnarvon Family Golf Set for May Opening

By Terrance Gavan

The game of golf is a solitary pursuit. One player, one club, one ball on a verdant veranda of green. A painter and the canvas.

The game of golf is perfect. Secluded and exclusionary.

The business of golf is anything but.

The business of golf is neither solitary nor ambivalent. The business of golf is as big as, well, the colossally substantial sweet spots on today's stentorian drivers - like the scarily immense Sasquatch Sumo and equally lugubrious Big Bertha - that occupy space in the bags of most serious players today.

The business of golf is definitely a team sport, requiring a subtle and savvy blend of commercial acumen and golfing savoir-faire.

Just ask Gary and Pennie Kent, new proprietors of the Carnarvon Family Golf Center.

The couple purchased the existing golf facility, at the corner of Highway 35 and Highway 118, last fall. Gary and Pennie form the quintessential husband-and-wife team and along with their two sons, Jack and Leo (budding Tigers at 7-years and 4-years of age respectively), they intend to bring a whole new dimension to the venerable and erstwhile golf facility located on the busy Carnarvon Corner.

"We bought the place last fall," says Gary, who is a certified Class

A CPGA (Canadian Professional Golfers' Association) teaching professional. "We have a cottage in Ingoldsby and we were actually looking for a rental property to set up a driving range facility when Bill Kulas (real estate agent) asked us whether we'd consider buying an existing range. We had no idea it was up for sale."

According to Gary, the two junior partners in this enterprise, Jack and Leo, played no small part in the transaction.

"We had been to the mini putt there before and of all the mini putts in the area it's the one that our two boys enjoyed the most," chuckles Gary. For the record, Gary says that it's actually been a family favorite since they started coming up to Ingoldsby about five summers ago.

So, why argue with serendipity?

This is, after all, a family and a family enterprise that seems enamored of such karmic confluence. Indeed, Pennie and Gary met back in the nineties, when Pennie was seeking some help with her game.

She looked around and says that she heard some good things about a young teaching professional named Gary Kent.

And, of course, hindsight tells us that the lessons must have gone well. Gary allows that Pennie is a fine golfer in her own right, and indeed, she helps out with lessons when she's not busy running a successful chain of women's clothing stores. It's a partnership borne of deep and abiding respect. Pennie says the same ingredients that make Gary such a great husband and father translate with a seamless and perfunctory edge to his teaching.

"He teaches all year round, and he's in great demand, especially at this time of year when a lot of golfers are getting ready for the season," says Pennie. "He's a great teacher, a serious professional and he has a real passion for teaching."

Gary teaches at the Markham Golf Dome during Canada's infamous, wild, white and gnarly golf off-season, and as soon as winter's howl subsides to an acceptable din he will again be taking his Gary Kent Golf School back to its late spring and summer residence at the Scarborough Family Golf Centre. This summer, he will also be bringing the Gary Kent School to Carnarvon Family Golf.

"I've been a teaching pro since 1992 and it's always been a year-round job for me," says Gary. He runs his school out of the Scarborough Centre on a year-to-year lease and adds that he will continue to run his teaching programs out of Scarborough this year and for the foreseeable future. His gig at the Markham Golf Dome will remain as his winter haven, and he says that he will be splitting time between Scarborough and Carnarvon this spring and summer. He says that he has some capable assistants working at his school who can keep the Scarborough facility on an even keel while he spends time invigorating Carnarvon Family Golf with an assortment of professional lessons and programs.

At present he runs a very successful junior program in Scarborough and he and Pennie are both excited about initiating some of the same junior golf programs out of the Carnarvon facility. He is also looking at providing Beginner Golf packages for new students as well as an assortment of private lesson packages for youth and adults.

Pennie says she is also looking forward to liaising with area schools with an eye to providing special school outings and day trips.

"Pennie will be running it (Carnarvon Family Golf), looking after most of the advertising and day-to-day work at Carnarvon this season," says Gary. "She's a very successful businesswoman and she's run a chain of clothing stores for many years."

"Pennie was looking to do something different, and she was really interested in finding something that we could do as a family," he adds.

The consensus decision commingles their shared passion for the game with a unique and very invigorating business opportunity.

Pennie says she has gradually been divesting herself of some of her other business interests in preparation for this move.

"I used to own five clothing stores and now I'm down to three," laughs Pennie, who, interestingly enough, just completed the sale and closure of one of her stores last





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New Direction Planned for Carnarvon Golf Facility

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weekend.

She is already planted feet-first in the organizational furrows of this new enterprise.

Carnarvon Family Golf started with a savvy website and some meticulous groundbreaking last fall, and Pennie says she is in the first stages of putting together a concerted advertising and organizational plan for May, June, July and August. She adds that they were hoping to open in May, but that will obviously depend on the weather. "It's been a very long winter," says Pennie, who adds that a number of golf courses and ranges in the city of Toronto are also behind in scheduled openings.

Gary says that they will know more regarding Carnarvon's opening day after they do some on-site reconnoitering and preparatory work this week. He adds that most of the heavy prep was done shortly after purchase last fall.

"We bought the place on October 11 last year, and we did two solid months of work on it before Christmas," says Gary. "We've moved the shed and painted it, we've done a lot of work on the gardens, fixed up the Mini Putt and put a lot of work into the kids' play area," says Gary. He says that the nine-hole pitch and putt course was in pretty rough shape last fall and adds that a number of the holes are suffering from some pretty significant raccoon damage.

He says that he will be doing some assessment on the state of the pitch and putt when the couple comes up this week.

"The pitch and putt has nine holes, but I was looking at it last year and we know that it's going to need a lot of work," says Gary. "I'd like to open up at least some of the holes in June, but they had a lot of damage on it last year and there are some safety issues that we'll have to look at," says Gary.

He adds that there are some holes which may have to be reviewed for safety and clearance issues. He would like to open at least some of the holes on the pitch and putt by late June or July. He explained that the par three is a project that may take two seasons to revitalize completely.

"But the main thing is," says Gary, "this could be a very nice set up for a pitch and putt course." Right now, Pennie and Gary are concentrating on finishing the improvements on the Mini Putt and on the driving range. "We also have batting cages and I've never really worked with those before," says Gary. He says that they will be setting up some fun targets in the fairway of the driving range. They intend to keep the Mini Putt just as fun as ever, and obviously the putting track will have to pass the familial muster of Putt-Putt experts Jack and Leo.

Pennie has plans to make Carnarvon Family Golf a destination for birthdays, cottagers and more importantly, an affordable destination for local residents as well.



"We would like to offer local people an opportunity to become involved in the game," Pennie says.

From June 30th to August 29th Carnarvon Family Golf will be offering weekly camps for kids. As the website explains, "These junior golfers will learn the physical skills of the game, gaining the knowledge & etiquette required to play on the golf course. The children in this program will have lots of fun playing contests, winning prizes and improving their golf skills each day. While keeping an eye for the next Tiger or Annika, we encourage the players to do their best."

But for the next little while they will be concentrating on preparing for Opening Day.

"We are coming up on Monday (April 14) and we'll be working for four days," says Gary. "De-

pending on the weather, once we get up there this week and finish a lot of the work we can be up and running in a week," says Gary. Opening Day will then of course depend on the state of drainage, winter damage and other important considerations.

He says that they are both excited about the new venture.

"We're not sure what's it's going to be like up here, but we have a lot of plans," says Gary. "This year, I'm going to split my week up a bit, spending time up in Carnarvon and time back here in Scarborough."

Pennie says that she will have help from a family friend who will be assisting in day-to-day management. She also says that they will be offering revitalized refreshment and pro shop offerings.

There will be a toddler play structure and sand box area available for the kids, along with the batting cages. Pennie says that they will also offer club rentals.

Hats, tees, golf balls, gloves, club rentals, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase in the refurbished cabin.

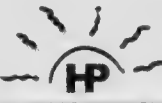
Pennie says that the idea is to provide a golf facility with something for everyone. A high-end driving range for the serious golfer, with both mat and grass tee lines, practice bunker and putting surface; and a fun place for a family to spend a sunny summer afternoon.

And yes. Golf can be a singularly solitary pursuit.

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IN THE LOCKER ROOM

By Terrance Gavan

Montreal Firefighters Rebuked by Mayor

You know it's Stanley Cup time when Canadian politicians start using the occasion to subvert playoff fervor to their own twisted political agenda.

In a move the Montreal firefighters' union calls ridiculous, the city has dispatched cleaners to several Montreal fire stations after firefighters painted Canadiens logos on the windows and doors of their fire halls. Gerald Tremblay, the mewling Montreal Mayor called the Habs-inspired murals, "graffiti" and demanded that they be removed.

Mayor Tremblay is an Outremont lawyer, a Harvard MBA graduate, a former Liberal industry minister. He's also made inroads as a hired gun, turning moribund businesses into going concerns. Now he's taken on the massive task of reorganizing the decrepit and internally dysfunctional infrastructure of Canada's Just For Laughs metropolis.

He's put an embargo on negotiations with the firefighters, who have been without a contract for well over a year. Some astute Montreal pundits think this latest Stanley Cup gambit is a less-than-subtle tweak at the union and the protracted contractual stand off.

Here's what Montreal firefighters association spokesman Chris Ross had to say about that.

"I believe the city jumped on the bandwagon, hoping this was going to be a great opportunity to attempt to discredit the Montreal firefighters," he told CBC Montreal.

"If you'll excuse the pun, I think they painted themselves into a corner, not real-

izing how much the public was going to come out and support us."

The logos aren't graffiti or vandalism because firefighters were careful to use water-soluble finger paint, added Ross. "There's absolutely no permanent damage to the fire station. And contrary to graffiti, I think they're very well done, and it's also a little insulting to call the Habs' logo graffiti."

Here's what I think about that.

Mayor Tremblay should stick to filling potholes. Street repair, after all, was one of the staunch bulwarks of his electoral platform when he ran for mayor back in 2002.

Here's what Mayor Tremblay says in response to the fervor generated by his pantywaist vendetta.

"I have Habs' fever myself but I have a way of expressing it... I don't put graffiti or paint in the windows of my house," he said at city hall last Thursday. "I think in a sense they can't do that, that's not the image that we want to have."

Here's what I think about that.

Mayor Tremblay should pick his battles more carefully. And invest in a state of the art sprinkler system at City Hall. Montreal unions have been known to broach the portals of Montreal's City Hall with a D8 bulldozer and sledgehammers, to express annoyance over protracted and ongoing contractual disputes. True story.

Here's what a friend of Tremblay's said about the shot-in-foot mayor in a MacLean's article.

"Gerald has all the charisma of an empty chair."

Here's what I think about that.

With friends like that who needs enemies.

Well, apparently Monsieur Tremblay does, because he is continuing to churn the cauldron of public opinion. Montreal is rife with "Habs' fever" and the Habitant faithful, most of them living in wooden houses (sans sprinklers), are not pleased with this treatment of their firehall heroes.

Two firefighters were suspended Thursday night after they were caught painting their station. More than 60 fire stations across the city decorated their doors and windows with Montreal Canadiens' colors last week: Firefighters united in support of their beloved Habs' bid for the Stanley Cup. Heroes supporting heroes.

Instead of bowing gracefully and placing this on the back-burner where it belongs, city hall has stepped up the heat.

The Mayor has dispatched erstwhile pothole fillers with pressure washers to quell the uprising. Automobiles are disappearing into cavernous chasms on Peel Street, as yawning car-munching craters, the size of Tremblay's big mouth, are swelling at a chock-a-block rate up and down the city's core. Street repair crews are falling behind, dispatched from the spring thaw front to do battle against this newest blight on municipal democracy.

Small minded municipal apparatchiks love petty squabbles. It gives them something to do while they're ignoring the real problems, like poverty, crumbling subway infrastructure and unemployment.

Meanwhile Montreal police constables are winking at the simmering brouhaha, driving around the city with the ubiquitous Habitants' car flags dangling tacitly from their cruiser windows.

Tremblay has vowed to stand pat and the rhetoric generated from the vicinity of city hall is, to quote Loudon Wainwright III, "stinking to high heaven."

Indeed, "dead skunks in the middle of the road," are staying right there, because city crews are too busy wielding washer wands, like so many Jedi Knights set in pitched battle against Habiste hordes, to deal with road kill.

Here's what I think about that.

Gerald Tremblay, 'Lord Mayor of Empty Chair', should

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head down to Woolworth's, buy some red, white and blue paint and a Habs' logo stencil. Then he should decorate the City Hall lobby and get with the program. And stop acting like a donut.

Here's a recent news story from the Montreal Gazette, dated March 4, 2008.

"A young firefighter who only recently became a father for the first time, lost his life while battling a blaze inside a home on the bank of the St. Lawrence River in this South Shore town.

"Gilles Carles, head of the Varennes fire department, fought back tears as he described Mathieu Émond, 26, as a "good little firefighter." He said Émond "had the stuff" to fight fires and had been with the department for two years. Émond also worked for the Longueuil fire department on a part-time basis and was hoping to secure a job fighting fires in Montreal."

An eyewitness was there to put a blunt nudge on this story. Mario Sénécal, said smoke from the fire seemed to build up very quickly shortly after the firefighters entered the home.

"When they arrived they did what they had to do. They smashed in the door and went in," Sénécal said. "After, I heard someone shout 'Hey, everybody out! Everybody out!'"

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Here's what I think about that.

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Cash for Cups: Multi-Media Exhibit For Good Cause

The Art Hive Maple Lake Artisans Collective and Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative have teamed up for an artistic fund raising venture. A multi-media exhibit titled "Cash Cups" will be held from May 9-24, featuring purses and other art works which incorporate recycled bras. The intent of the exhibit is to raise awareness for breast cancer. Artists and members of the public are encouraged to exhibit personal creations made in honour of family and friends who have been touched by all forms of cancer.

A silent auction of donated artworks will be held during the run of the exhibit, with final bids during the closing celebrations Saturday May 24. That evening will also feature a live auction of selected pieces. Proceeds from both auctions will go to Cottage Dreams.

Recent recipient of Haliburton County's Chamber of Commerce "New Business of the Year" award, The Art Hive's Maple Lake Artisans Collective is comprised of several local Haliburton artists who work in a variety of artistic medium. The Art Hive is an historic general store which has been renovated to serve as a gallery, store, workshop and event space for the Collective. The "Cash Cups" exhibit is an extension of a project from the Crafty Girls group, who meet monthly to experiment with different crafts in an informal setting. April's craft night features "Boob Bags", converting old bras into purses.



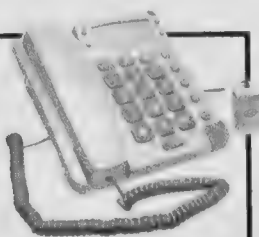
Cash Cups exhibit co-ordinator Laura Trach states: "It's a fun concept and it just seemed to make sense to let the community see what we create out of the bras and to raise money at the same time. We decided to expand participation to both artists and the general public... you don't need to sew in order to be creative; glue and spray paint can be wonderfully effective!" In order to create an exhibit that will permit entries from those with a personal interest in cancer, art pieces will not be juried, and creations from a diverse range of talent will be on display. Not all pieces will be available for auction.



Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative offers recent cancer survivors the opportunity to spend a week at a private, donated cottage to reconnect and rejuvenate with family and friends after successfully completing treatment. As a result of her own mother's breast cancer diagnosis, life-long cottager Seana O'Neill decided that she would like to share her Haliburton cottage with those who would

not otherwise have the opportunity to get away. She was inspired to invite cancer survivors to visit her cottage when she was not there and thought other cottage owners would do the same if given the opportunity. This sparked the creation of Cottage Dreams. Now in it's fifth year of operation, this unique cottage lending program has grown to include hundreds of donated cottages across Ontario.

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Creative Process Starts April 17

Thursday April 17, The Art Hive's Crafty Girls will start the creative process by making purses from bras and embellishing with material, paint, beads, thread and mystery objects. You don't need to attend Crafty Girls to submit an entry for the exhibit, contact The Art Hive for information: call 705-754-0021 or email theearthive@live.ca. And be sure to visit the exhibit during May 9-24 and make a bid on a unique art piece.

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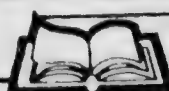


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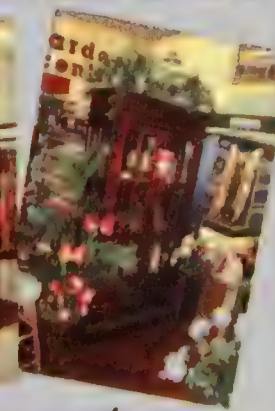
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Getting SMART About Helping People Stay Independent

It's important for all of us to lead active lifestyles in order to maintain an optimum level of health. But for some seniors in the County, attempting to stay active can be a difficult challenge in itself.

That's why members of VON (Victorian Order of Nurses), a not-for profit charitable organization, are ready to launch a plan of action right here in our own backyard. Now all they are looking for is volunteers like you!

Their program, titled "SMART" (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) will now be making its way to the County in an effort to promote falls prevention amongst seniors. The initiative is also intended to break through the barriers some may face such as transportation issues and other costs that can be associated with maintaining an active lifestyle.

"The whole focus of the program is falls prevention," said Coordinator of the SMART program Melanie Therrien. "Seniors are falling and they're falling often and they become more dependent. They find themselves moving sooner than they want to long-term care facilities," she said.

Planning to implement the SMART program in Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton County began about a year and a half ago.

"We want to bring it to Haliburton County because there are a large number

of seniors," said Angela VanBerlo, Health Promoter for the HKPR District Health Unit. The goal is to increase the mobility of seniors through a program carefully designed to increase strength and independence. The group also wants

to place emphasis on the fact that this is a great way to educate seniors about how they can stay healthy independently.

"I think included with the exercise sessions will be an educational component that will include a variety of guest speakers talking about things that relate to health prevention such as: medication, diet, vision, hearing and general falls prevention strategies," said Therrien. "The program emphasizes exercises that strengthen muscles, promote flexibility. We do a lot of balance exercise and a little bit of cardio. It's a gentle program and its multi-level." For example, those who have difficulty standing could exercise from a sitting position."

The classes provided by VON are one-hour in length and are led by Certified Senior Fitness instructors from the Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging Seniors' Fitness Instructor Course. It is these instructional positions that VON is looking to fill.

"They're volunteers and often the volunteers are seniors themselves who are leading the program. These volunteers first receive 36 hours of instructional theory along with some practical mentoring as well. The training comes at no

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cost to the volunteer."

"We want to promote the program but we also want to recruit volunteers to lead the programs as well," said VanBerlo.

The SMART exercise fee comes at a cost of \$30.00 for 15 sessions or \$2.00 per class. Registration for the program starts on Friday, April 25, at 10 a.m. in the Community Care building located at 83 Maple Avenue in Haliburton. For those in Minden, registration will take place in the family health team classroom at the Community Health Care Centre in the Minden hospital at 1 p.m.

This day will provide the perfect opportunity for seniors to enroll in the program, and for potential volunteers to show their interest, learn more and sign-up!

For more background information on VON, log on to their web site at www.von.ca. For further inquiries, call Community Care in Haliburton at 457-2941. You can also call Melanie Therrien, the SMART program Coordinator toll-free at 1-800-743-6255 for more details.



A box of biscuits, a batch of mixed biscuits.

New Fundraising Initiative For The Children of Haliburton Highlands

"Sissy's Love Connection"... Please join us in the launch of a new fundraising initiative for the children of Haliburton Highlands, to recognize the community involvement of Janice Crawford of Jan's Hair Affair. The SLC fund which will be administered by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth, and Parents will provide financial assistance for children to enrich their lives in artistic and cultural opportunities such as guitar lessons or taking a pottery course.

You may be fortunate enough to know Janice Crawford - as a friend, an Ingoldsby hairdresser, or caring volunteer with Big Sisters or VICARS (Victims in Crisis). She has been courageously fighting liver cancer for a year. Her sisters in London, Ontario are establishing this fund as a legacy to her.

SLC Fundraiser - SAT. May 3 from 1 pm until 4 pm. Silent Auction, Raffles, 50:50 draw. Great Hall at Fleming College.

You can help in 3 ways...donate an item or service, give a financial contribution to Sissy's Love Connection, and/or come to the fundraising event which Janice plans to attend.

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

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be a ruse

Miss Marie Wendel figured she knew Father Patrick Heslin better than anyone else on the planet.

After all, she had been the good father's housekeeper for more than seven years.

That's why she was so puzzled when he didn't let her know he had been delayed.

Marie was beside herself. Earlier, on that nasty summer evening of 1921, she had answered the bell at the parochial residence of the Holy Angels Church to be greeted by a gruff man, who said to her, "I would like to see the Father. My friend is dying. I want to see the Father at once."

Father Heslin came out of his study and had a hurried conversation with the stranger. He put on his overcoat and shouted to Marie. "I will be back as soon as possible." Together with the stranger, he sped

away through the streets of Colma, a San Francisco suburb.

By 2 a.m. Marie had trouble sleeping. It was true, she thought, Father Heslin had often stayed overnight at a dying parishioner's bedside, but he always

Huge risk and reward

managed to phone. Eventually, Marie fell asleep. In the morning, when she discovered Father Heslin hadn't returned, she notified Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, informing him of the incident of the previous night.

The archbishop was pondering what to do when he received a special delivery letter. It was a ransom letter demanding \$6,500 for the return of Father Heslin. There was no doubt as to the letter's authenticity, as only Marie, the archbishop and the bona-fide kidnapper knew that a kidnapping had taken place. The archbishop called the San Francisco Police Department.

The lengthy ransom demand, in essence, informed the archbishop that Father Heslin was securely chained in a cellar. Beside him was a candle which, when lit, would burn for two hours. Chemicals had been placed at the base of the candle. When the candle's flame ignited the chemicals, poison gas would be released, which would kill the priest. Should the kidnapper be detained in his effort to pick up the ransom, Father Heslin would die.

The kidnapper went on to say he had killed many men in the First World War and had no hesitation in taking the life of a priest. He gave instructions as to how the \$6,500 was to be transferred. He demanded that one person drive to a specified lonely road.

When the driver came to a white marker beside the road, he was to stop and get out of the car. A string would lead from the marker into a field.

At the end of the string the intermediary was to leave the ransom. The note also warned if the kidnapper was suspicious of anything, he would not return to the cellar, spelling Heslin's doom. Further instructions would follow.

Despite the dire warnings, police scoured the area looking for houses with cellars. Citizens held a rally and collected \$5,000, which was added to an

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official reward of \$6,000

already being offered for the return of Father Heslin.

Huge search parties were formed. The area in and around San Francisco was searched for the missing priest.

On a quiet news day in August, Johnny O'Brien, a writer for the San Francisco Examiner was visiting Archbishop Hanna to do a routine follow-up story on the kidnapping. While he was there, the archbishop received another visitor, who introduced himself as William A. Hightower.

Hightower was a 43-year-old former Texan, who followed the noble profession of baker. He related to the reporter and the archbishop that a hooker, Dolly Mason, told him a client of hers had told her he had buried something of value in the sands of Salada Beach. The article of value was guarded by a man who was constantly frying up a batch of pancakes.

Ears perked up. Everyone in the room, if not the entire city, knew of the Albers Milling Co.'s billboard, which featured a miner flipping flapjacks over a desert fire. Hightower believed the priest's body lay near that billboard.

And on what did he base that belief? Well, he couldn't be sure, but he had gone down there and had found a black scarf in the sand, which he had left as a marker before calling on the archbishop.

As quick as a flash, O'Brien had a car full of police, shovels and Hightower beating a path to the billboard. Sure enough, Hightower found the scarf. Within minutes, the assorted men discovered the body of Father Patrick Heslin.

On the return trip to the city, Hightower was in good spirits. Visions of reward money, which exceeded the ransom demand, danced through his head. He was talkative and revealed that his hooker friend Dolly hadn't been having much luck in her chosen profession. One day she mentioned to him that one of her tricks had had a bit too much to drink.

Dolly noticed he was wearing a revolver. When she commented that guns made her nervous, he replied, "Well, you might darn well be scared of this one. It's killed a man."

Her client talked about hiding something valuable near a man flipping pancakes.

When Dolly heard that her customer was a bootlegger, she thought that a large cache of liquor might be buried. She told Hightower.

He would go down there and if he found anything, they would split the proceeds.

Hightower went to the beach, found the scarf and, as they say, the rest is history. The only thing left was to collect that reward money.

An autopsy revealed the back of Father Heslin's skull had been crushed with a blunt instrument. He had been shot twice, in the back and thigh.

Police checked out William Hightower. In his room they found an interesting gadget. Ten short iron pipes were embedded in plaster of Paris. Each pipe was loaded with a shotgun shell. Nails, designed as firing pins, were attached to springs. Pressure on a trigger would discharge the homemade machine gun.

When told that the police had discovered his machine gun, Hightower blushed sheepishly and admitted he often made useful gadgets at home. That didn't mean he had murdered anyone. Even when a piece of string found near the body was matched to string found in Hightower's room, the suspect declared the same type of common string could be found in most homes. Police were unable to locate Dolly Mason, but Hightower wasn't dismayed.

He pointed out that, in her line of work,

she often moved from city to city.

Hightower would only say that he had been out driving with his girlfriend, one Doris Shirley, at the time of the disappearance and so could not be Father Heslin's abductor. Initially, Doris could not be located. Police were surprised when Miss Shirley pranced into police headquarters, with her fiancé in tow. She admitted she and Hightower had been on intimate terms some time earlier. However, on the night in question, she had taken in a play, returning to the room she had occupied with Hightower at 11 p.m. He had arrived minutes later.

No, she had never heard of Dolly Mason or a cache of booze. In fact, no one had ever met Dolly, for the good reason that she didn't exist.

When Marie Wendel positively identified Hightower as the man who had sped away with Father Heslin on the night he had disappeared, the jig was up. Hightower was charged with murder.

At Hightower's trial, the only bone of contention was the sentence -- life in prison or execution. He was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

For years, Hightower worked at his trade as a baker in San Quentin Prison.

He never discussed his crime and became something of an author while incarcerated. The man, whom some people believe killed a priest, not for the ransom but for the reward, published a humorous pamphlet called *Observations From A. Hightower*. Evidently he dropped William for the sake of the pun.

After spending 53 years in prison, William A. Hightower was released on May 30, 1974.

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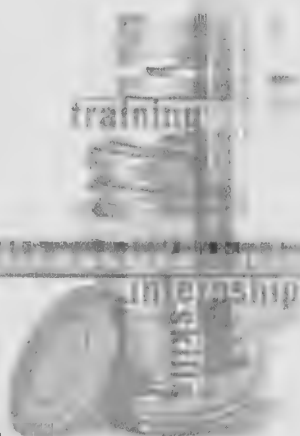
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In Sarasota, it is illegal to sing while wearing a bathing suit.



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2. OLYMPIC GAMES: What is a luge?
3. BIBLE: What biblical character was swallowed by a whale?
4. TELEVISION: What was the professor's name on "Gilligan's Island"?
5. LITERATURE: What Shakespearean character speaks the line, "Thus with a kiss I die"?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who wrote the long-running newspaper column called "At Wit's End"?
7. MUSIC: What does the musical term "lento" mean?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What color is a robin's egg?
9. LANGUAGE: What is the French name for the English Channel?

Answers

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| 1. Peru | 6. Erma Bombeck |
| 2. Racing sled | 7. Slow |
| 3. Jonah | 8. Blue |
| 4. Roy Hinkley | 9. La Manche |
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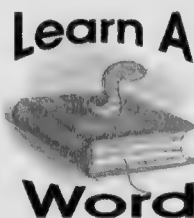
Buyer Beware

Buyer beware! is alive and well in Ontario. This is an ancient legal concept in land law going back hundreds of years in the English legal system. The phrase "Buyer beware" is really a long Latin phrase, the first two words of which are "Caveat emptor" or "Buyer beware." The full Latin phrase translates as "Let the purchaser, who is not to be ignorant of the amount and nature of the interest, exercise proper caution."

Why is there a *caveat emptor* system in Ontario? One reason is historical. We inherited an economic system which thinks there should be bargaining freedom between the purchaser and vendor while the contract is in the process of being made and, only after that, should the courts impose themselves on the contract. A sort of *laissez-faire* attitude from the old days. Another reason is that there should be no guarantee by the vendor of the purchase price of the property. It is up to the purchaser to bargain with the vendor for the lowest price and for the vendor to bargain for the highest price. In other words, fair market value has nothing to do with the real value of land but everything to do with what a purchaser is willing to pay for the land. Thus, if the purchaser's spouse really likes the kitchen or the shop, the purchaser may have to pay more for the property then it is really worth to keep the purchaser's spouse happy.

A final reason for *caveat emptor* is the contract itself and this goes back to bargaining freedom. The purchaser can protect the purchase by saying in the contract "I want to be sure that I am purchasing this or that when I purchase your property." Thus, Bora Laskin, the most famous judge in Canadian judicial history, said: "Absent fraud, mistake, or misrepresentation, a purchaser takes existing property as he find it, whether dilapidated, bug infested, or otherwise uninhabitable, or deficient in expected amenities, unless he protects himself by contract terms."

In the next column, I will be talking about spring gardening - maybe.



Perspicuous

\per-spi-kye-wes\adj: a plain to the understanding especially because of clarity and precision of presentation.

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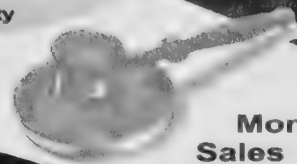
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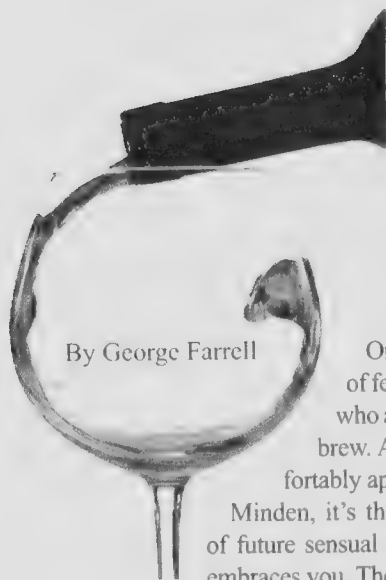
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By George Farrell

One of the most heady aromas is that of fermenting wine, especially to those who are familiar with making their own brew. As you enter the comfortably appointed wine store in Minden, it's that heady expectancy of future sensual experiences that first embraces you. There's all that wine just waiting to mature, for your palate to appreciate, and for you to wax poetic over.

You are likely to be met, upon entering through the intoxicating portals, by Colleen O'Byrne, who owns *The Wine Store*, with husband Blake.

Colleen's parents originally came from Muskoka 22 years ago, to open the Jug City stores in Carnarvon, Minden, Haliburton, Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, Gravenhurst and Bracebridge. At that time Blake and Colleen were living in Toronto, where Blake sold real estate for Remax, and where Colleen was working in the payroll department of Danier Leather. In 1998, as an investment, Colleen and Blake decided to purchase the property where *The Wine Store* is presently located. Initially "we didn't know what we wanted to get into, but we needed a business that didn't need a lot of watching, something we could supervise from a distance," says Blake. They put the wine business in at the premises, and had other

people run it for them until such time as they were both ready to move up permanently. After their children Becky 28, and Mark 23, moved out of the house in Toronto, the couple were ready to make their move,

and in April of '07 they moved up permanently to Minden. "And now I run the business," Colleen states. Blake is selling real estate for Remax in the city, and up here, and the odd day I corall him in here when I'm busy."

The Wine Store is a place where you go to make your own wine from a wine kit. A wine kit is a box that neatly contains all you need for you to make your own wine.

The main ingredient in the box is concentrated grape juice. The amount of juice is a key factor in determining the price you pay, and how full-bodied your wine will be. You can, of course, make your own wine at home from a kit. Making your wine at the store alleviates the expense of buying equipment, storing the wine, and cleaning up after each stage. The fact is, it's so easy to make wine in the wine store, that fewer people now choose to make their wine at home.

There are some legalities involved. The O'Byrnes had to initially be approved for a 'Brew on Premises Licence,' which comes from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. Customers must be over 19 years of age, and they must go into the store to pay, an act that makes it their wine in the eyes of the law. "The wine making business was becoming very popular 10 years ago. We saw a need in this community, and we filled the void. We didn't know much about it at the time, but it's a pretty basic, straightforward process," states Blake.

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The Process

The Wine Store supplies customers with everything they need to make their own wine. A customer will select a type of wine he or she wants from about 150 kinds of wines available. After the customer selects the wine type, the ingredients in the box are mixed in a primary fermentation container, and water is added. Customers are required to put the yeast in themselves. "As soon as they do that it's their wine," Colleen explains. "We take it from there. It's anywhere from 4 to 6 weeks, depending on quality. The more expensive wines, because they have more juice, take longer to finish. The kits make about 23 litres, which works out to roughly 30 bottles of the 750 ml size," she says.

The customer has very little to do after the initial mixing of the ingredients, except wait. The wine stays in the fermenting pail for about a week, until it reaches the required alcohol level, and then it's racked into huge glass bottles called carboys, where it sits from 3 to 5 weeks, until it's finished fermenting, and sediments have fallen to the bottom of the carboy. The wine is then filtered to a crystal clarity, at which time it's ready to bottle. Clients are notified when their wine is ready, and an appointment is made to go in to bottle their wine.

Bottling

Customers usually supply their own bottles, but *The Wine Store* will supply bottles for a fee, if requested. Customers should make sure that their bottles are perfectly clean, as impurities can ruin the wine. Bottles can be re-used indefinitely. "We have 2 automatic bottling stations, with corks," Colleen explains. "All our wines are corked. The price includes labels, and shrink-wrap bottle tops, for a totally professional look. We have a large selection of new labels to choose from and were looking into getting personalized labels," she says, "though some people are using their computers to make their own labels."

At the bottling stage customers are allowed to sip their wine for the purposes of determining sweetness. All wines are made on the dry side, but after sipping, customers can sweeten their wine to individual taste by adding a sweetening syrup. "Bottling is a fun process for the customer," according to Colleen. "To bottle and label 30 bottles only takes about half an hour, and customers can walk out with a product that looks like it came off the shelves of a fine wine store."

Some Popular Wines

Some of the most popular reds are Merlot, Shiraz, and Italian Amarone, which in the liquor store costs anywhere from \$30-\$35 a bottle. Popular white wines are Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, and Reisling. Colleen suggests to first-time wine makers, that they go with what they already know they like, and try other wines later. "Many of our wines have been

entered in contests in international amateur wine competitions, and we feature many award winning wines," Colleen states. "Our wine kits contain many of the same grape varieties as the wines that are sold in the liquor store, but here you pay a fraction of the price."



Coolers

Coolers are basically wines, to which fruit juices like peach or strawberry are added. They have the same alcoholic levels as straight wine, but can be mixed with soda, or poured over ice for that refreshingly cool drink on a hot summer day, or evening. The aroma is wonderful, and coolers are very popular for summer weddings.

Ageing Without Preservatives

Some people feel that they can't drink wine because it plays havoc with their sinuses and/or gives them headaches. Commercial red wines especially, carry this reputation with sinus sufferers. The active ingredient that seems to bring on the headaches is found in the preservatives used in commercial wines. *The Wine Store* kits contain no preservatives. While this is very good news for those people with sinus problems, it does mean that the kit wines which are found in *The Wine Store* do not age to the same degree as commercial wines. Wines from the kits are formulated to be consumed as soon as a month or 6 weeks after the adding of the yeast, but the quality does improve somewhat for a period of time after that. The whites are at their best at about 6 months and the reds peak at about 1 year. You shouldn't leave either reds or whites longer than 2 years.

Water Quality

For those of you who are wondering about making wine with Minden tap water, fear not, because at *The Wine Store* they purify the water beforehand.

Prices

So exactly how much do you pay for a 750-ml bottle of wine that you make at *The Wine Store*?

Well, it varies. The all-inclusive price for your finished wine costs anywhere from \$119-\$199, including tax, for 30 bottles, depending on quality. For \$199 you are getting grape varieties from more unique locations, and these specialty wines contain significantly more juice concentrate, which makes for a more full-bodied, robust wine. The most popular price range at *The Wine Store* is about \$155, which equates to about \$5/bottle. Compare that to the liquor store which charges anywhere from \$20-\$30/bottle of a similar quality, and you can see the savings. If you just want to go with a basic wine, in the \$119 price range, then



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Acoustic Eidolon with Thomas Loeffe

Friday May
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Acoustic Eidolon - Joe Scott and Hannah Alkire have combined their musical talents to create an exciting new acoustic instrumental sound. Joe plays an instrument he invented: the double-neck guitjo, a custom acoustic guitar with two necks, built exclusively for him. This one-of-a-kind instrument has incredible range and tonal qualities, sounding at times like a piano, dulcimer or beautiful harp. Combine that with Hannah's stunning tone and impeccable cello-playing, and you have the ingredients for some very moving music. Acoustic Eidolon's

recordings are a rich blend of both artists' musical influences and have been described as pure musical poetry.

You have a chance to see this live performance at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Friday May 2 starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for this event, presented by the Haliburton Highlands Folk Society. Tickets are only \$15 and are available at in Haliburton at the York St. Internet Café - 28 York St. (across from the Rails End Gallery) - phone 705-457-890.; or in Minden at Golden Stationers - 108 Main St (Bobcaygeon Road) - phone - 286-2110

Thomas Loeffe - Thomas' music easily spans the confines of both style and time. From the sounds of the Celtic Middle Ages, the centuries-old music of Ireland's nomadic bards and the lively dances of Irish folk music, to his own original compositions, each of Thomas' works has its own special sound, texture, atmosphere and story to tell. Thomas is also the leader of the pan-Celtic group Norland Wind (which includes Maire Breatnach, and the Duggan Brothers from Clannad).

You can listen to Acoustic Eidolon's latest CD at <http://cdbaby.com/cd/ae-idolon7> --- Track 8 on this CD is with Thomas Loeffe

Jamie Dart Band Coming to Haliburton

A friendly face is returning to Haliburton to entertain the masses - but this time he comes with a new band. Bob Strome has entertained many in Haliburton County as guitarist with Ya Baby's - fronted by the Hair Lounge's own Mark Christiano.

Bob is returning to Haliburton to the Northwood as guitarist for the Jamie Dart Band - lead by Jamie Dart herself - and Bob says for those who haven't head her - "she is a fabulous singer!"

They will be appearing live at the Northwood on April 26. Hearing her tracks on myspace, I would say this is a show for a mixed age group and music genre. So whether you are 19 or 59 or 99 - head out and catch this show.

Jamie began performing steadily in 1999 when she and local musician Joyce Squires hosted a weekly Open Mic Night in Oshawa. Since 2000, Jamie has been playing in local bars around the GTA with veteran musicians such as Robin Boers, the original drummer from the Ugly Ducklings. This allows her to perform live as often as possible and to sing the music she has always loved the most.

Jamie began entering local singing contests at age 14, including the CNE's Rising Star Competition, in Toronto, in which she finished every year in the top 10. These contests helped her to develop a very solid and comfortable stage presence. In 2000, Jamie entered the Cradle to Rave contest at a local club and came in first, scoring a one-song recording and radio play on KX96. She received critical acclaim for her song "Youth is Wasted on the Young" which was played on KX96 for several months. In March of 2004, Jamie entered Q107's Ultimate Jam. Singing "Highway to Hell" by AC/DC, she claimed first prize and was asked to sit on the judge panel for the continuing rounds, the contest closed in June 2005. In February 2006 she placed third in the Mix 99.9 Canadian Radio Star Songwriting Competition out of over thousands of entries.

JUNE 2006 ~ Jamie was chosen out of 25,000 auditions WORLDWIDE to be 1 of 50 people to be flown to L.A. for the "ROCKSTAR: SUPERNova" final auditions with Tommy Lee, Jason Newstead and Gilby Clarke. She did not advance to the show finals - and as we all know, Toronto born and raised Lucas Rossi went on to win the title of lead vocalist for Rockstar Supernova, and he is now ready to release his new band, Stars Down.

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For those who still like to do it themselves at home, they pay \$60 for a basic wine kit or about \$80 for a premium wine kit. Sure they do save, but they have all the equipment to purchase and store, and all the mess to deal with. Also sometimes the wine doesn't turn out the way it should. At *The Wine Store* all the wines are guaranteed.

"We always have sales and special discount offers," Colleen says, "and we'll always honour the sale that somebody might miss."



it."

Client Base

"The business has always been strong since day one," states Blake O'Byrne. "Over the last year, since we've been active in the store, business has grown 25%. We have customers from all over the county, and outside the county. People who have made wine in the city come up here (to the cottage), and want their own wine up here. People come up even in winter. Sometimes they come up and make their own wine and take it back down with them. It's a real social thing, and our business has grown this way from word of mouth." The business has grown to the extent that the O'Byrne's have employed Cindy Nesbitt to help out.

"Customers come to us to make wine for weddings, anniversaries, birth- days or retirement parties, and for all kinds of special events. It's a great way to save on wine expenses," adds Colleen. "Right now we have 3 different parties making wedding wines, and the one party is making 5 carboys of wine, that's 150 bottles."

Colleen and Blake like to support the community, and they have provided wine for 200 people for a Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary function. They've also provided wines for some organizations, like Ducks Unlimited, the Rotary and Lions, for their various fund-raising functions. "We plan to keep on growing as the population grows," says Blake O'Byrne. "This wine compares in quality with anything you can buy in the wine store, and sometimes exceeds

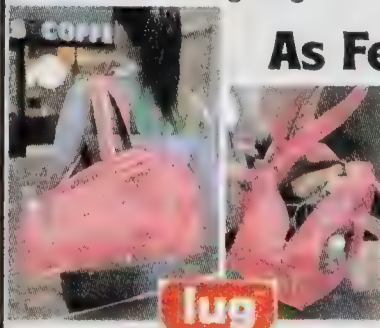
Where It's At

The Wine Store is located at 87 Bobcaygeon Rd (Main St), Minden. The store can be reached at (705) 286-1642. Business hours are: Tuesday Thursday and Friday 9-5, Wednesday 9-1, and Saturday 9-12.

Pictured: Colleen O'Byrne and Cindy Nesbitt in store; Colleen with some of the many wine kits available; Colleen O'Byrne outside store; Cindy bottling wine; Corking the wine; Labeling

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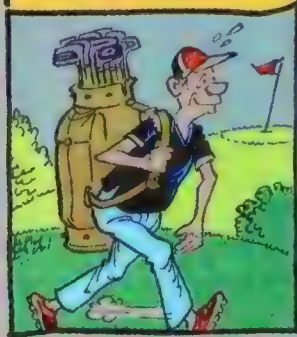
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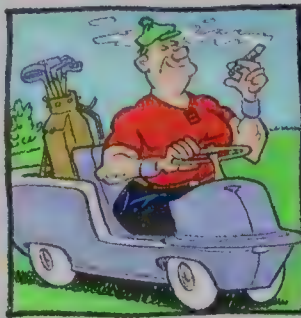
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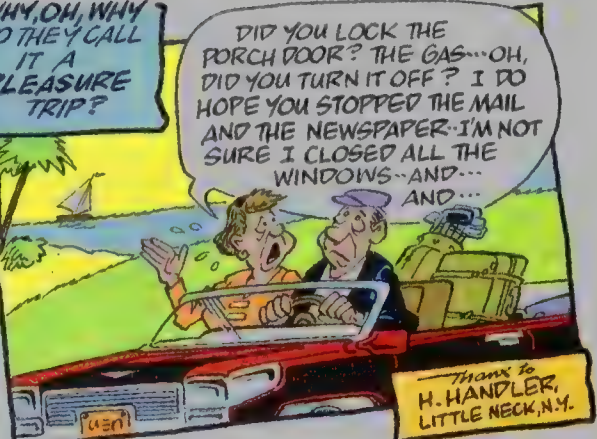
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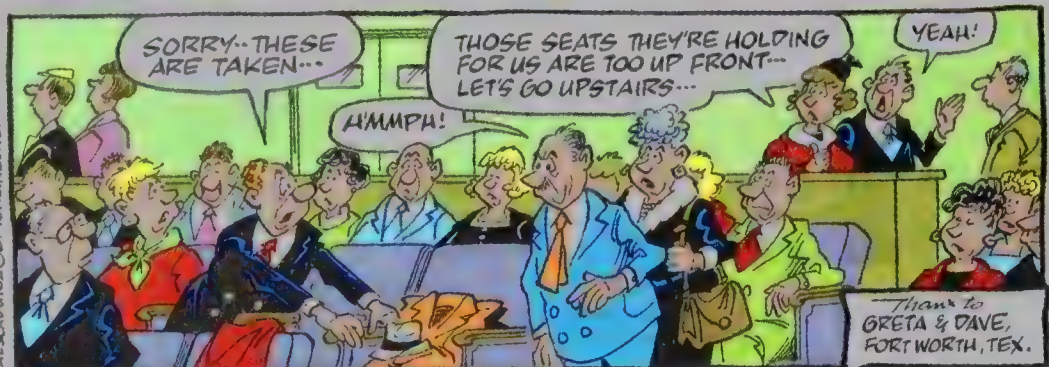
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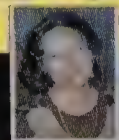
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Camp Wanakita (watch for signs on County Road 1). Tickets are available at the door and cost \$8 for adults, and \$6 for children (children under two years old will be admitted for free). Razzamataz Kids Shows also have an exciting season planned for 2008/2009. Early bird season passes will be available at the show for \$20 per person. This low price will be offered until May 31. After May 31, passes will cost \$24 per person. For more information, please contact Stacey Bennett at 286-4511 or visit our website at www.razzamataz.ca.

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That's Life...

by the Bashful Comic



A curious fellow died one day and found himself waiting in the long line of judgment.

As he stood there he noticed that some souls were allowed to march right through the pearly gates into Heaven. Others though, were led over to Satan who threw them into the burning pit.

But every so often, instead of hurling a poor soul into the fire, Satan would toss a soul off to one side into a small pile.

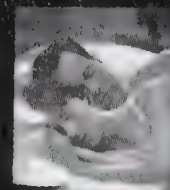
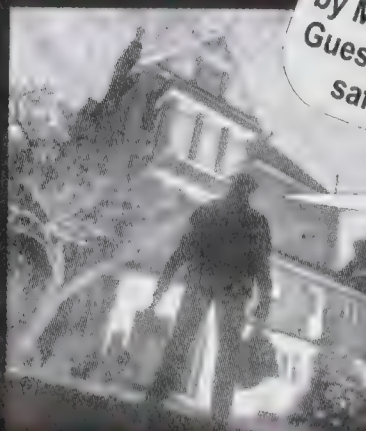
After watching Satan do this several times, the fellow's curiosity got the best of him. He strolled over and asked Satan what he was doing.

'Excuse me, Prince of Darkness,' he said. 'I'm waiting in line for judgment, but I couldn't help wondering, why are you tossing those people aside instead of flinging them into the Fires of Hell with the others?'

'Oh those . . .' Satan groaned. 'They're all from Ontario. They're still too cold and wet to burn.'

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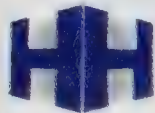
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The Children's Learning Centre

by George Farrell

Does your preschooler want to go to "school" too? Is it time for your toddler to get out and make some friends? Do you need a safe place for your school-aged child to unwind after-school?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, you might be looking for a licenced day care centre. There are licenced day care centres in Haliburton, but some people don't realize that there's one in Minden. There is a licenced day care centre in Minden and it's a good one

It's called The Children's Learning Centre and it's run by the Ontario Early Years (OEY). This centre is not to be confused with the Drop In Centre in Minden which is designed for parents to take their children to meet other parents and children.

Although the two organizations are affiliated, and use each others resources on occasion the Childrens Learning, is a place where you can leave your toddlers or pre school children for the day while you go to off to work. It's a place too that caters to children of school age before and after school.

Centre on Prentice Street Renovated

Gord Hoenow is the Supervisor at the Children's Learning Centre, and since he started with them in 2005 he has overseen a total renovation at the house on



Prentice street in Minden, which is owned by the Ontario Early Years Centre. Old and damaged toys were thrown out, the facility got a new coat of paint, new flooring, counter-tops, an industrial dish washer were installed, and the bathroom was redone, to include child-sized counters and miniaturized toilets. In the basement the adult bathroom and another childrens bathroom are presently being renovated.

Benefits of a Licenced Day Care Centre

The Childrens Learning Centre is a licenced day care centre, which means that it's a government regulated organization and adheres to specific guidelines. For instance the health unit comes in regularly to check on things like water quality, refrigerators, freezers, and the state of the playground. All the staff at licenced day care centres, have CPR and first aid training. A licencing inspec-

tor makes an annual visit to check out room, the teacher/child ratio, and to make sure all government standards are met.

With licenced daycare centres parents get the full benefit of trained staff. Robin Hewitt is Gord Hoenow's principal support person, and assistant supervisor by all accounts. Robin is a graduate of Georgian College where she received her diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE). She graduated in 2005.

She is presently taking on-line courses in sociology through Laurentian University.

"I'm a toddler teacher," Robin explains. "I look after children who are 15 months to two-and -a half -years of age. Tina Anderson is the pre-school teacher and she looks after children aged two- and- a- half, to 5 years of age. Lisa Foster is our school age teacher, and Kathy Sutcliffe and Jen McCrea are our enhanced workers. I can look after 5 children and Tina can look after 8. We're licenced for 16. When we have that many, we hire another teacher. Monday and Wednesday are our busiest days and when we have 16 children we use Kinga Baricz and Valerie Griffin to teach."

At the Childrens Learning Centre there is a person available to look after special needs children. "This 'enhanced' worker is funded through Point In Time, and is employed to assist the child, and to also assist teachers in getting all the children to socialize," says Robin. "I was an enhanced worker before I received my ECE diploma. All staff have their ECE or are in the process of getting it. With a licenced day care, anyone who works with children must have a criminal records check. The staff also regularly attends workshops, which continually refresh and upgrade our knowledge. We're working to benefit the children, but we also work with parents, and we have many books and pamphlets to pass on, dealing with things like babysitting, nannies, and information

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on home-based child care."

"It's just safer when things are regulated by the government," Robin continues. "With us children are with other children their own age, and learning things at the same level. In some non licenced centres a child of 5 can end up with a baby of 12 months. The younger child demands more attention, which is a detriment to the 5 year old child. Also, with a licenced day care centre, safety is continually monitored."

The Children's Learning Centre Mission Statement

The Centre promotes, supports and enables healthy development of children and families by providing accessible, responsive and educational programs and services for children, parent and care givers. It is the goal of the Learning Centre to provide a safe and stimulating environment for each child in care. We support the belief that in leaning and exploring, through play, children will develop positive self-image, strong self-esteem and grow to their fullest potential.

Parental Partnership Communication: The Children's Learning Centre invites open, ongoing discussions between parents and staff regarding the children's progress both at home and at the centre. We would like to establish partnerships between parents and staff in order to serve the needs of the children in the best way possible. Parents are encouraged to discuss any questions or problems that may arise at any time. An appointment with the supervisor or other staff can always be arranged at the parents request. A calendar will be kept in your child's cubby wit a comment about your child's play. It is there for you to read and you are welcome to add your own comment.

Before and After School

A Childrens Learning Centre teacher escorts children in the before-school program to Archie Stouffer Public School, fifteen minutes before school goes in, notifies the teacher on yard duty of their arrival, and informs the teacher of children who did not come to care that morning. The children are then left in the school playground in the care of the school teacher on duty. Children enrolled in the after-school program will be picked up by the parents/guardian at Archie Stouffer Public School, unless otherwise arranged between the parents and the supervisor.

Programming: The staff has designed a program based on children's needs and interests, which will enhance their physical, social, intellectual and emotional development. Here a child can explore and develop his/her own ideas and personality in a creative an stimulating environment, with the support of caring and dedicated staff. The goal of the centre id to provide all children with the opportunity to grow to their fullest potential.

Hours: The Children's Learning Centre is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:45 pm. Before and after school care is available. During the summer children can register for individual weeks and times are flexible. Half days are from 7:30 am to 11:30 am.

Fees: Toddlers (18-30 months) Half Day-\$22.00 Full Day-\$30.50

Preschool (30 months-5 years) Half Day-\$22.50 Full Day-\$29.50

School Age (6 years-12years) Before School -\$8.00

Subsidies: Low income families can apply for subsidies (this does not apply to home based child care centres). Subsidy information can be obtained by calling 1-877-324-9870 or fax 705-328-2875



Summer Adventures at Archie Stouffer School:

For Children aged 6-12, The Children's Learning Centre will be having an "Adventurers" summer camp, from July 2nd to August 29th. The program will consist of outdoor play, games, crafts, science experiments, group activities, and physical activities in the school gymnasium.

The Open House

On Tuesday April 8th from 6-7 pm there was an open house at the Children's Learning Centre in Minden. Parents mingled, while the children we off playing under the supervision of the teachers. Sonja Addison came with husband

Scott, young son Aden and grandfather John. The Addisons come up from Kinnmount to bring Aden to the centre. "I did some research looking for daycare for his individual needs," Sonja explains. "The staff here are very friendly, and Gord Hoenow, even suggested that I look around and compare this with other centres. He suggested that I spend half a day her getting used to everything. Robin (Hewitt) takes the time to really talk to you, and she has a book where she highlights and logs Aden's activities. Aden is one of the youngest children here, but when he comes, Destiny, one of the other children helps him to take his boots off, and he really gets along well with all the children."

James graves is the father of Destiny. "She loves it here," he says. "It's a good facility for her and all the other children, and she's made good friends." Fitting tributes to a well run and well equipped, licenced day care centre.

If you would like more information on the OEY Children's Leaning Centre, give them a call at (705) 286-4074 or email oeydaycare@bellnet.ca The address is P.O. Box 852, 16 Prentice Street, Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

Pictured: Children's Learning Centre Staff: Gord Hoenow, Kathy Sutcliffe, Tina Anderson, Valerie Griffin, Robin Hewitt, Jen Mc-Crea, Lisa Foster. and on this page: Sonja, John, Scott and Aden Addison



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The Workplace Health Program

Health is a movement at the forefront of issues in these early years of the 21st century. Wellness is the buzz word most often associated with the movement.

As our population ages and increases, there is added stress put upon our health system. Government and industry are both continually looking for ways to reduce expenses and increase productivity in the work place.

The majority of adults spend one third to one half of their waking hours at work. The cost of employee absence in Canada is approximately \$ 6 billion /year. Because of these and other salient facts, there is a trend in the workplace towards management /employee co-operation in programs aimed towards keeping both groups healthy and productive. Some businesses are successfully employing their own programs in the workplace that feature exercise, and dietary education as part of the working day.

More often though businesses will seek experts in the field of workplace health, to come in and implement programs. There are professional outfits that do this for a fee, and there are government agencies that offer a free service. One such free agency is The Workplace Health Program, which operates locally through the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge, District (HKPR) Health Unit. The wellness Health Promoter for our district is Stephanie Ratz.

"My job is to find out where the health issues are and to make suggestions to management via our pamphlets, displays, and presentation workshops, on how to make the workplace a healthier place. Employers are starting to realize that a healthier workplace increases productivity."

Stephanie points out that "employers have to express an interest. We don't just go in and start making suggestions." It's hard to convince management on

the value of such programs, but sometimes middle management can pave the way by convincing upper management of the bottom-line benefits of investing in a healthier workplace.

One way that Stephanie was able to interest some local businesses was through a Healthy Workplace Challenge. Stephanie is the chair of the Community Wellness Committee of Haliburton, and the group decided to increase awareness by asking, in fact challenging, local workplaces to divulge the initiatives they were undertaking to make their workplaces healthier. Six business' responded to the challenge. They were: Planned Benefits Inc and Sun Life Financial. Haliburton Highlands Family health Team, Fleming College, Minden Pharmasave, Point in Time, and Patient News Publishing.

Some of the initiatives that these organizations have in place are: Opportunities to attend fitness classes; Yoga for keyboarders; Team Building Days; Group 'think tanks' to discuss future organizational plans; Employee needs assessments; Walking Clubs; Healthy Recipe exchanges; Subsidies for fitness and healthy eating; Costume contests; Staff Recognition; Ergonomic Assessments; On Site Gym.

Stephanie and her group would like to see an increase in the number of businesses who respond to such a challenge. And although she admits that there are more businesses out there who are interested in healthy work-

places than responded to the challenge, she realizes that its " a never- ending process."

In addition to exercise and diet the Workplace Health Program also concentrates on areas such as stress in the workplace, employer/employee relations, and communications barriers. Stress related problems cost Canadian businesses \$12 billion a year. Stress among workers is usually the result of an employer/employee malfunction, bought on by a combination of heavy workloads with a low recognition factor, or by high effort on the part of a worker and low reward by the employer. Of course employers also have their own stress levels to contend with-usually related to productivity. "It's so easy to recognize the staff problem," says Stephanie, "but it's harder to convince management to open up and support their workers, and to recognize the staff for what they've done well." It's a slow process. "It takes anywhere from 3 to 5 years maybe, to make the cultural change" around employee recognition, "physical activity and dietary methodology."

The cultural change, and make no mistake about it, it is a cultural change, doesn't just stop at the workplace. The inference is that the exercise, dietary lessons, and stress- reduced confidence from employer recognition, will transfer to the home environment, and help in the area self esteem.

Employers benefit from a healthy workplace by: Reduced absenteeism; Higher productivity levels; Improved employee retention and recruitment; Enhanced business reputation and customer loyalty; Reduced benefit costs; Decreased Accidents; Improved Staff Morale

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Providing resources and activities that educate your staff about making healthy lifestyle choices; Providing free consultation to workplaces in Haliburton County; Providing and linking you to presentations, workshops and community resources that can further your workplace health initiatives.

Right now the Workplace Health Program has about 40 local businesses who have expressed an initial interest, and "we hope some of these organizations request a more formalized program form us," says Stephanie Ratz. "That will be our measuring stick."

For more information on the Workplace Health Program call (705) 324-3569 ext 228, email: sratz@lindsay.hkpr.on.ca, or fax (705) 324-0455

Pictured: Stephanie Ratz and booklet

Free Osteoarthritis (Oa) Class

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Physiotherapy Department (Haliburton site), along with The Arthritis Society, is offering a free 2-hour educational session on Osteoarthritis concentrating on OA of the hip, knees, ankle and feet. This session will provide you with information and answers to your questions about this condition as well as a home exercise program to improve strength and flexibility.

The class will be held on Wednesday April 23rd, 2008 from 10:00-12:00pm in the Haliburton Physiotherapy Department.

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Ontario Early Years Events:

Join us Monday to Thursday at the Ontario Early Years Centres for songs, stories, crafts and early learning activities. All families with children 0 to 6 years are welcome. The snow is gone, the trikes, big wheels and diggers are out. Come join us and in the Minden OEYC playground. For more information about our programming please call Haliburton OEYC at 457-2989 or Minden OEYC at 286-1770.

Minden OEYC Mega Machines Day on Saturday April 19 from 10 am to 1 pm. Dads with preschool children bring your family to the centre for this special event. Check out the construction equipment and model trains on display, build a creation out of wood and enjoy a pizza lunch together. For more information please phone Minden OEYC at 286-1770

Parent Talk Time- Minden OEYC April 23 at 1:00 pm Infant Massage Come and discover the joys and benefits of infant massage. Claire Sylvan from Point in Time and Joanne Bohnec will be here to demonstrate and teach parents proper techniques and discuss the importance of caring touch. For more information please phone 286-1770.

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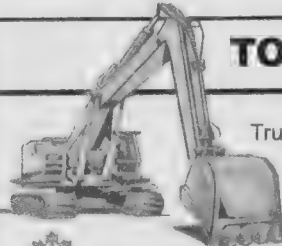
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There were 9 Sams in the last issue. They were hidden in the following ads: Paulmacs, Walstens marine, Subaru, Curry Motors, H&R Block, Youngdale Fuels, Pump Shop, The Source, and Home Hardware.

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It's Happening in Kinmount

From Earth Day Celebrations to Pitch-In Day & More

by Lynne Kilby

As we rounded a curve the other morning the kids on my school bus and I chanced to see a mother and baby moose casually ambling down the middle of the road in front of us. Creeping along far behind them we watched in awe as the pair trotted along. Suddenly they took a quick right into the bush disappearing within seconds. Several kids reported never having seen a moose before. Unexpected treats of the day are indeed a wonderful sight for us lucky folk who traverse our glorious area.

More treats to look forward to are the re-opening of several Kinmount businesses that were closed for the winter. Kinmount Fish 'n' Chips, Chatty Kelly's and Highlands Cinemas will open in the near future.

The 1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides and Pathfinders is now selling chocolate & vanilla Girl Guide cookies at a cost of \$4.00 per box. To support the girls and enjoy delicious cookies please call me at 488-2919.

April 19 - Earth Day Celebrations begin at 10:30 a.m. at Kinmount Public Library. Special guest Bonnie Wilkins will show off her worms. All ages welcome.

April 19 - All Kinmount Legion Branch members are invited and encouraged to come to a meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Kinmount Legion. The support of the members is needed for the successful operation of the branch and branch functions. Your input and suggestions will be valued and appreciated.

May 3 - Kinmount Annual Pitch-In Day. C'mon out and give Kinmount a spring facelift. The community is invited to meet at Kinmount Railway Station at 9:00 a.m. to choose a route, get supplies and tidy up around town. Refreshments served on completion.

May 3 & 4 - Welcome to our home and Spring Open House, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Pottery in the Forest, located 2 km off Crystal Lake Road, south of Kinmount. Enjoy a fine display of handmade functional stone-ware along with delicious snacks. This is a great opportunity to select that perfect Mother's Day gift. Call Bernie Nicholson at 488-2400 for more information.

Please call me at (705) 488-2919 or E-mail me at lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to share news or advertise an event or activity. See you in Kinmount!!!

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Education is a generally considered to be a good thing; knowledge is power, after all. However, sometimes we learn something we really wish we didn't know. For instance, did you know that in studies testing levels of bacteria on common items, toilet seats are consistently found to be much cleaner than fax machines, phone receivers and food cutting boards? I didn't either. And you might not thank me for passing along that little tidbit.

Are you a lychnobite? Before you answer that, you should keep in mind that a lynchobite is someone who works at night and sleeps during the day.

If you've ever been to a formal wedding reception, you probably saw a receiving line, that traditional greeting of each guest by the bride, the groom and their families. Though it's considered to be the proper thing to do, it can sometimes seem to go on and on and on. If you think that's tedious, though, consider the plight of those who get married in Indonesia, where the tradition of the receiving line is firmly entrenched: There, it's not uncommon to have more than 1,000 guests attend, and the bride and groom must greet each one before the festivities can even start.

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